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STEM Institute Names Affiliates, Includes 13 COE Faculty

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Georgia Southern's new Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education recently named its Affiliate Faculty, a group of 67 faculty representing 6 different colleges across campus. Affiliate Faculty act as a liaison between their college and the institute while receiving support from the institute as they work to further STEM teaching, learning and research.

Faculty members were nominated by the Vice President of Research, College Deans and Associate Deans, the STEM Institute Advisory Board, Department Chairs and STEM Institute Fellows. These faculty were then asked to apply and their applications reviewed by the Advisory Board and Faculty Fellows. Of the 67 faculty members named, 13 are from the College of Education.

The mission of the STEM institute is to establish collaborative interdisciplinary programs committed to excellence in K-20 STEM teaching and learning. A key component of this is through unique partnerships across academia, business, education and research centers in the Coastal Plain.

Affiliate Faculty serve a three-year term and will be able to renew their affiliated status. The institute offers these faculty support in all aspects of STEM grant writing and administration, and in any work they may undertake in establishing partnerships with schools, business, external research organizations and campus groups.

Affiliate Faculty from COE are: Olufunke Adefope, Missy Bennett, Katie Brkich, Greg Chamblee, Karen Chassereau, Marlynn Griffin, Lee Grimes, Jonathan Hilpert, Chuck Hodges (also a member of the Advisory Board), Thomas Koballa (COE Dean), Jason LaFrance, Kent Rittschof and John Weaver. In addition to COE, other colleges and departments represented include IT/Computer Science, Mathematics, Electrical Engineering, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, History/Museum Outreach, Public Health, Mechanical Engineering, Health and Kinesiology, Writing and Linguistics, Psychology, Art and Civil Engineering.